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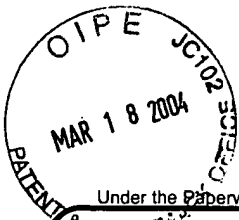
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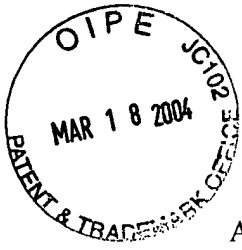
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For: Improved Fast Disintegrating Tablet

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2004, please find the following remarks regarding the above-mentioned application.

REMARKS

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner maintains his objections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu et al. (US 6,465,009) in view of Ku et al. (US 5,994,348).

Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of objection.

Firstly, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner when he indicates that Liu et al. clearly states that "another disintegrating agent such as croscarmellose may be used other than PVP".

Indeed, Liu et al. disclose the use of cellulose derivatives (see column 6, line 10 and column 7, lines 13 and 14), but the croscarmellose, which is a crosslinked polymer of carboxy methylcellulose is not specifically mentioned.

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